

On page 15, please delete lines 1-24.

On page 15, line 25, please replace "fifth" with --first--.

On page 15, line 26, please replace "The" with --In--, and please delete "differs".

On page 15, line 27, please delete "from the first through fourth embodiments in that".

On page 15, line 31, please replace "sixth" with --second--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice.

13. (Amended) A nursing bottle adapted to be filled with liquid, wherein the bottle prevents a vacuum from being formed within the bottle when inverted, the nursing bottle comprising:  
a container having an open top and being adapted to contain a quantity of liquid;

a vent unit adapted to fit within the container comprising a reservoir tube having an upper and lower portion, the reservoir tube having a proximal first end adapted to fit adjacent the top of the container and an open second end projecting sufficiently downwardly in the container so that when the bottle is inverted the open second end is above the level of the liquid in the container; and

an airway in the vent unit extending between the outside of the container and a point in the reservoir tube above the level of the liquid trapped in the reservoir tube when the nursing bottle is inverted.

14. (Amended) The nursing bottle according to claim 13 wherein the vent unit includes a vent tube, in communication with the airway, having a distal end, the vent tube projecting into the reservoir tube sufficiently so the distal end of the vent tube is above the level of liquid trapped in the reservoir tube when the bottle is inverted.

15. (Amended) The nursing bottle according to claim 13 wherein the vent unit further comprises an insert which secures to the reservoir tube, the vent unit adjacent to the reservoir

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 conce tube preventing liquid from entering the airway and allowing air to flow through the airway.

Sub B<sup>2</sup> 19. (Amended) A container which vents the container to the atmosphere to resist the formation of a vacuum when the container is inverted to dispense a liquid therefrom, the container comprising: a receptacle adapted to hold liquid, a liquid outlet for dispensing the liquid when the container is inverted, a vent unit adapted to fit within the receptacle comprising a reservoir tube having upper and lower portions, the reservoir tube having a proximal first end adjacent the top of the receptacle and an open second end projecting sufficiently downwardly into the receptacle [;] so that when the container is inverted the open second end is above the level of the liquid in the receptacle, an airway in the vent unit extending between the outside of the receptacle and a point in the reservoir tube above the level of liquid trapped in the reservoir tube when the container is inverted, and a vent tube adapted to fit within the reservoir tube, having a distal end, the vent tube projecting into the reservoir tube sufficiently so the distal end of the vent tube is above the level of liquid trapped in the reservoir tube when the bottle is inverted.

Sub B<sup>3</sup> 21. (Amended) A vent unit adapted to install in the open top of a container to vent the container to the atmosphere to resist the formation of a vacuum when the container is inverted to dispense liquid, the vent unit comprising: a reservoir tube having a proximal first end and an open second end, wherein the first end is adjacent the open top of the container, the second end of the reservoir tube projecting sufficiently downwardly in the container so that when the container is inverted the second end is above the liquid in the inverted container, the vent unit having an airway extending from the exterior of the container to a point in the reservoir tube above the level of the liquid trapped inside the reservoir tube when the container is inverted, and a vent tube adapted to fit within the reservoir tube, having a distal end, the vent tube projecting into the reservoir tube